





# SILVERWINGS

“Back to the basics”  
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### Weather

 <b>Today</b> High: 89, Low: 69 Scattered T-strms	 <b>Saturday</b> High: 90, Low: 71 Isolated T-strms
 <b>Sunday</b> High: 91, Low: 69 Partly Cloudy	 <b>Monday</b> High: 90, Low: 71 Partly Cloudy


### News Briefs

**41st FTS change-of-command**  
The 41st Flying Training Squadron change-of-command will be June 16 at 9:41 a.m. in the BLAZE Hangar. A reception will follow at the Columbus Club.

**14th SFS change-of-command**  
The 14th Security Forces Squadron change-of-command will be June 19 at 9 a.m.

**Class 09-11 Assignment night**  
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-11 will hold their Assignment Night June 19 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Inside



**Feature 8**

The Vacation Bible School at the base chapel is highlighted in this week's feature.



Brig. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, speaks to graduates of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-10 June 5 at the Kaye Auditorium.

## General Stewart speaks to Class 09-10 graduates

**Senior Airman Jacob Corbin**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-10 offered advice to the young officers before they received their wings June 5 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, spoke to the graduates about their roles in the U.S. Air Force, thanked those responsible for helping them accomplish training and offered them advice for their fast-approaching career as military aviators.

“We live in a dangerous world, our enemies are fierce,” General Stewart said. “If we were at peace, your job would be hard enough – but we are a nation at war. You are America’s Airmen, you are smart, you are bold, and you are audacious. Class 09-10, you are members of something bigger than yourself.”

“War is a horrible thing,” General Stewart said. “But some times it is necessary, and when it is, someone better be good at it.”

The general said the graduates had gone through a lot and had earned their wings with hard work.

“You have accomplished probably the most difficult thing you have ever attempted in your life,” he said. “You have an amazing journey ahead of you.”

He said while he would love trade places with the young pilots and experience his career as a military aviator again.

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Columbus AFB Training Timeline															
Phase II				Phase III				IFF				Wing Sortie Board			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-05)	2.17 days	-1.38 days	Jul. 22	48th (09-11)	-3.47 days	-1.08 days	Jul. 2	49th (09-HB)	1.00 days	0.38 days	Jun. 11	T-6	1,319	1,079	21,307
41st (10-04)	0.49 days	-2.33 days	Jun. 26	50th (09-12)	3.71 days	1.92 days	Jul. 24					T-1	396	416	8,124
Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Frank J. Padilla, Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.												T-38	341	302	6,084
												IFF	94	117	2,130

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# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Missoula Children's Theater

The youth center presents “Robinson Crusoe” at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kaye Auditorium. This is a free performance featuring the talents of our base youth. For more information, contact the youth center at 434-2504.

## Family fun night

The Columbus Club offers a club members drive kick off family fun night and pool party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday. Cost is \$6 per person or \$20 per family for club members. Non-members are \$8 per person. Children, ages 4 and younger, eat free. Serving hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. The new children’s inflatable jumps offered at outdoor recreation will be available for trying out. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Library preschool summer story time

The library offers this program every Tuesday at 10 a.m. during the summer months. For more information, call 434-2934.

## Arts and Crafts sidewalk sale

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a sidewalk sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. There will be specials on all their framed prints, customized gifts, etc. There will be a free craft class for youth to make their father's day gift as well as a children's jump castle for them to enjoy while parents are shopping. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Club scholarship program

Club members and their dependents are eligible to enter the essay contest for a chance to win one of the 25 \$1,000 club scholarships to be given away this year. Deadline for entries and applications is July 1 to the Force Support Squadron commander. Applications are available at the Columbus Club, library and education center or at www.afclubs.net. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers Mommy and me crafts every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of the crafts projects are in the lobby of the center. Upcoming classes include making a tropical cutouts, welcome signs, tote bag, Gold Bless America wooden sign, patriotic placemats, napkin holders and more. For more information, call 434-7856.

## One day canoe trip

Outdoor Recreation offers this outdoor adventure program June 20. Cost is \$15 per per-

son. Bus will depart at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Must have at least 12 registered to offer. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60-percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available but last payment must be made by June 19. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Youth fishing rodeo

Outdoor Recreation offers this program at 9 a.m. June 27. Open to ages 5 to 15. Entry is \$5 per person. Prizes will be fishing poles. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Youth field trips

The youth center offers several field trips during July: Jumpin' G's July 1, Skate Zone July 9, McWane's Museum July 15, US Rocket and Space Center July 22 and Tupelo Automobile Museum and Buffalo Park July 29. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Youth Center special programs

Register at the youth center for these upcoming programs: Canoeing the Luxapalila July 11, Horseback Riding July 13, Bike Columbus AFB July 20, Start Smart Golf, July 16-17 and a fishing tourney, July 24. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Season swim passes on sale

Season pool passes can be purchased at the pool. The pool is open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes for one person is \$30 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers. Two people of the same family are \$50 for club members and \$60 for nonmembers. Three people of the same family are \$70 for club members and \$80 for nonmembers. Four people of the same family are \$80 for club members and \$95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Paintball parties

Make reservations for a paintball party at Outdoor Recreation, 434-2507. Paintball par-

ties are great for birthdays, team building and just for fun.

## Have a bowling birthday party

The bowling center offers the best birthday party packages around. The “good” package includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental, “bowling” place settings, and a souvenir bowling pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The “Best” package includes everything in the “Good” package plus choice of hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. No outside food or beverages allowed, except for birthday cakes. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Daily Grind proudly serving Starbucks

The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

## Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high school. For more info contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

## Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$15 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434-2479.

## Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

## Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. Lessons are in four lessons sessions. Cost is \$40 for 30 minutes for youth 6 and under or \$80 for one hour lessons. Junior lessons for ages 7 to 17 are \$100 for four

one hour lessons and adult lessons are \$120 for four one hour lessons. For more information, call 434- 2505 or 434-7861.

## Self help car wash

There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call 434-7842.

## Massage therapy

The fitness center offers massage therapy by appointment only. Cost is \$30 for 30-minutes, \$50 for 60-minutes and \$75 for 90-minutes. For more information or to make an appointment, call 662-251-3058.

### Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members  
\$7.25 for nonmembers

**This week's menu:**  
**Meat choices:**  
Fried Chicken, Grilled Pork Chop, Chicken Spaghetti

**Sides:**  
Macaroni & Cheese, Candied Yams, Turnip Greens, Green Bean Casserole and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

**Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95**  
Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef and Cheese in a Flour Tortilla Wrap Served with French Fries and a Pickle Spear

**Desserts:**  
\$2.95 each  
New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping  
Brownie Ala Mode  
Sugar Free Coconut Cream Pie

# Lorenz on Leadership - Develop your vision

**Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz**  
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Imagine, if you will, an adaptive training environment that sits inside a bare room. This environment can be manipulated to simulate any task – from simple to complex. With the flick of a switch or push of a button, the bare room transforms into a living, breathing, interactive experience. Sounds and smells abound, people appear and interact, and objects can be held and manipulated. Once the training is complete, the same switch or button disengages the system, making the entire simulation disappear, leaving the original stark, bare room. In the "Star Trek" series, such an innovation was part of their daily routine. The “holodeck” permitted personnel aboard the Starship Enterprise to experience an interactive learning simulation. Imagine how such an innovation could help members of our Air Force. Not only would it save space, but it would also help manage risk, reduce training costs and permit personalized learning programs built specifically for the individual. The holodeck would revolutionize all aspects of how we operate in the Air Force.

The holodeck is my vision of the perfect training and education aide. In fact, I wish every installation had hundreds of these interactive rooms throughout the base. The possibilities are endless. Sadly, I must temper my vision with reality and the realm of the possible. Although my vision may not be feasible today, it doesn't mean that I should give up. Our job is to make dreams come true each and every day. I know you all have similar dreams, visions that could benefit our Airmen both today and tomorrow. Such visions must be pursued – you should never, ever, ever give up.

In order to realize a vision, several things need to happen. First, you must align the vision with one of our core service functions. The closer to the core, the easier it will be to gain support and, eventually, resourcing. Next, take the vision and develop a strategy. Depending on your vision, the strategy may involve acquisition, implementation, execution, modification or one of many other aspects. Let your strategy start at the 40 percent solution and then let it evolve to 80 percent and eventually to 98 percent. Realize that the process is continual – you will never get to 100 percent. With the strategy in place, you can start socializing the vision. Socialization will also

help your vision progress and grow roots through increased organizational support and understanding. The support will help you champion the concept for resourcing. After all, your vision must have resourcing in order to come true. Those resources will go to winners, not to losers – invest the time and energy to be a winner.

In life, and especially in the Air Force, priorities and personnel are always changing. Over time, your vision will need to adapt to the realities of change. It will require even greater persistence and objectivity. Giving your vision roots and aligning it with core functions will create something that can be handed off and sustained through change. The best ideas, sustained by hard work, can be carried forward by any leader.

You may also find yourself joining an organization and accepting someone else's vision. In this situation, evaluate their vision against current realities and resourcing priorities. If they've done their homework, the project will be easy to move forward. If they haven't, assess the vision to determine if it should move ahead or if its time has passed. Last month, while visiting Fort Dix, N.J., and the Air Force Expeditionary Center, I

came as close as I've ever been to a functioning holodeck. I watched in awe as deploying Airmen entered a series of rooms at the Medical Training Simulation Center. They fought through heavy smoke to reach bloodied bodies that littered the floor. Sirens wailed and explosions shook the room, all interrupting their efforts to save the simulated wounded.

Once their training was complete, instructors activated a switch that disengaged the simulation. In this situation, the switch did not make the entire interactive experience disappear. Although the smoke cleared and sirens stopped wailing, the ‘original stark, bare room’ still held the medical training dummies. It was more than enough to get my heart racing.

My vision still needs some time to evolve and mature. This doesn't mean I'm going to give up – I simply need to work a little harder. Our Air Force needs you to champion your vision as well. Develop it along our service core functions and socialize it – let it grow roots and evolve. Don't let your vision disappear like the end of a holodeck simulation exercise. Do your homework and the resources will follow. After all, it is your initiatives that fuel the positive change that makes our Air Force the finest in the world.

# Telling your story is important

**Lt. Col. Jody Ocker**  
65th Medical Operations Squadron commander

LAJES FIELD, Azores — When I was deployed to Iraq, my mother said, “We have Air Force people in Iraq? What does the Air Force do there?”

My mother is probably like a lot of other people out there. She's educated, watches the usual news networks every day and reads the newspapers. How can they not know about the most advanced, capable and superior air force on the planet? Well, it seems we haven't done a very good job of telling them about ourselves.

Air Force leaders encourage every Airman to tell the Air Force story. We should be able to articulate the core values, mission, priorities and functions and what they bring to the joint fight.

There are several helpful links on the Air Force Portal homepage under the heading (oddly enough) “Tell the AF Story.” I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the facts and messages those resources contain. Just as important as

it is to tell the Air Force story, it's important to tell your own story.

Less than 4 percent of the United States population serves in its military. Very few have firsthand experience to understand our character, commitment, sacrifice, service and experience. Most of us serving in the Air Force today have either begun or extended our service since Sept. 11, 2001. That says something about who we are. We are the ones who go running into the burning building. We sacrifice much of ourselves in order to serve others. Your personal story of service to your country is an important story to tell.

I'm not saying each of us should get out there and toot our own horns for our own personal glory. I'm saying tell your story as an example of the thousands of others who stand beside you every day in service to our nation. I'll give you an example from my personal experience that illustrates my point.

I recently received a Distinguished Service Award from my university's alumni association. I was very reluctant to be singled out for recognition. Those of us who serve are not doing it for the recognition. The only thing that could justify it in

my mind was to use it as an opportunity to tell the story of military medical professionals of which I am merely an example.

I was able to talk about the core values, dedication and teamwork of thousands of medics who have served and continue to serve at home, overseas and deployed. Although the story was my story, it was also the story of many others. The story allowed the audience to gain insight into the lives and experience of the troops they support. Priceless.

Each one of us has a unique story to tell. It is at a minimum unique from 96 percent of the population. Telling our individual stories is an important part of telling the Air Force story. As said by Gen. Norton Schwartz, chief of staff of the Air Force, “I think the fundamental thing is that everybody counts. No one, no job, no specialty is more important than any other. Everyone matters and everyone is an important part of this team.”

Thank you for your service, dedication, sacrifice and commitment. Thank you for the job you do every day that supports the Air Force mission.



## Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Summer temperatures are beginning to rise in northeast Mississippi. Most of us will crank up the air conditioner to beat the heat, but some of us will just have to sweat it out. To help residents of Lowndes County stay cool this summer, United Way is asking the for community support. Donate a new fan to alleviate the heat. New fans may be donated to Helping Hands located at 215 Fourth St. N. between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Helping Hands at 328-8301 before delivering the fan. New fans will only be accepted due to safety issues.

## Volunteer opportunities

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Want to get off base from time to time? Sign up as a special events volunteer. Call Meagan at 327-0807 for more information.

## Adult Summer Reading Program

The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library will hold "Master the Art of Reading," a program for adults 18 and over that will explore the world of art, books and more. The program will run Tuesday evening from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., June 2-23. For more information call Brenda Durrett at 329-5300.

## Lowndes Leadership tours CAFB



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
**Participants in the Leadership Lowndes County class stand for a group photo just before viewing the fire-fighter simulator June 4. LLC is a nine-month leadership training class sponsored by the Columbus-Lowndes Development Link. The class toured various areas of Columbus Air Force Base before their graduation ceremony later June 4.**

## Air Force officials release uniform board results, focus on current inventory

**Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials here have released the results of the 98th Virtual Uniform Board. While the board did not introduce new uniforms, the majority of the uniform-wear policy results improved upon existing uniforms.

The service's senior leaders said they intend to provide fully functional and appropriate uniforms to support all Airmen both stateside and deployed, with emphasis on the current uniform inventory, in response to Airmen feedback.

"We remain committed to fix, improve and upgrade uniforms in our current inventory," said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services and chairman of the Virtual Uniform Board. "Our goal is to provide the optimal uniform and equipment to Airmen in order to allow them to best carry out their mission," he said.

The general explained that the uniform team is committed to ensuring Airmen have a fully

functional uniform at the right time and at the right cost to support the joint mission worldwide.

The Air Force's top enlisted Airman underscored the importance of ongoing analysis and constant response to wearer feedback.

"Our Airmen spend their hard-earned money on these uniforms, and we owe it to them to do the research, development and quality assurance necessary to guarantee every uniform item put on the shelf is right the first time," Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said. "The Virtual Uniform Board is essential because no one knows better than Airmen serving today what uniform changes are needed."

The board convened in 2008 with Airmen voting members from all major commands and most functional communities. Representatives from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Defense Logistics Agency, Air Force Uniform Office, Air Force Logistics and Air Staff members acted as non-voting advisors. Board members forwarded their recommendations to the Air Force chief of staff for a final decision.

Board members recommended and the chief of staff approved the green fleece formerly worn only as the All-Purpose Environmental Clothing System liner to be authorized Air Force-wide as an outer-wear garment. Senior leaders also approved adding the name, rank and service designators to the green fleece when worn as an outer-wear garment.

Other uniform enhancements include the addition of a small surname tape to the pocket flap of the APECS left sleeve.

While General Newton delegated the authorization of black-boots in industrial areas to MAJCOMs in February, the concept, like many changes, originated from a Virtual Uniform Board input.

"We rely on feedback from Airmen about a wide variety of uniform issues. As such, the Air Force uniform team created the Virtual Uniform Board. The virtual uniform board capitalized on available technology that Airmen are familiar with, the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program," said Ruth Ewalt, chief of Air Force uniform programs and policy.

The intent of the Virtual Uniform Board is for Airmen to identify a problem and suggest an improvement, Ms. Ewalt said.

"Unlike an open forum board, it's an avenue to voice an input and recommend a solution to resolve the issue," Ms. Ewalt said. "It is an opportunity for everyone wearing the uniform to bring well thought out and substantive issues, along with solid recommendations to resolve those issues, to the attention of Air Force senior leadership."

General Newton shares Ms. Ewalt's sentiments.

"We heard the feedback from the field and will continue to tailor our uniforms to their operational needs," General Newton said.

Airmen can provide uniform recommendations by going to the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program Web site at the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?command=org&channelPageId=->



Base News

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times:

Tuesdays	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursdays	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First and third Saturday's of each month	10 a.m. to noon

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airmen in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb side.

Library Story Time

The base library will begin holding Story Time again on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

Education Census

The Columbus School Liaison Office (SLO) is conducting the biennial Education Census during the month of June. Please complete your Census as soon as possible and return to the SLO as soon as possible. Your inputs are critical in assisting the SLO in determining local K-12 education challenges and requirements. If you have not yet received a Census form, or if you have any questions please contact the SLO at 434-2792, or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

AAFES You Made the Grade Program

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is moving military students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with its "You Made the Grade" program. Now in its eighth year, the education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet chock full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card. AAFES' "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers. In addition, each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. "You Made the Grade" is a great vehicle for recognizing military students who excel, oftentimes through

adversities that the average student does not face such as a deployed parent or frequent moves," said AAFES public affairs officer Maj. Edwina Walton. To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local BX/PX. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year. Military families can contact their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information

Marriage Enrichment Seminar/program

Give your spouse the gift of 10 evenings together to deepen your relationship and strengthen your marriage. Sign up for 10 Great Dates. You will get to enjoy marriage enrichment exercises that strengthen your relationship. Each date begins with a short video to set the stage for great discussions on your date. Begins June 13 at 6 p.m. at the Services Complex. Email lachunda.sparks@columbus.af.mil or call 434-2197 to register. If you're interested in free child care, please call 434-2197 by June 8.

New Taco Bell hours

New Taco Bell Hours as of May 25, 2009

Sunday – Closed
Monday – 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be

working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)*

Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 or 434-2790 for more information.

Pre and post deployment tour brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC. Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment at 1330. POC AFRC, 434-2790.

Smooth Move Workshop

The AFRC will host a Smooth Move Workshop June 16 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those attending the workshop will learned what to expect/do with TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tri-care, medical records and the AFRC during moving. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social

There will be a Hearts Apart Social June 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The Wing Newcomers Orientation will be June 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Sponsorship Training

The AFRC will host Sponsorship Training June 30 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To register please call 434-2790.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)  
*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

Catholic

Thursday:  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice  
Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Air mobility maintains the fight in Afghanistan

Maj. Tim Johnson  
Combined Air and Space Operations Center  
Public Affairs

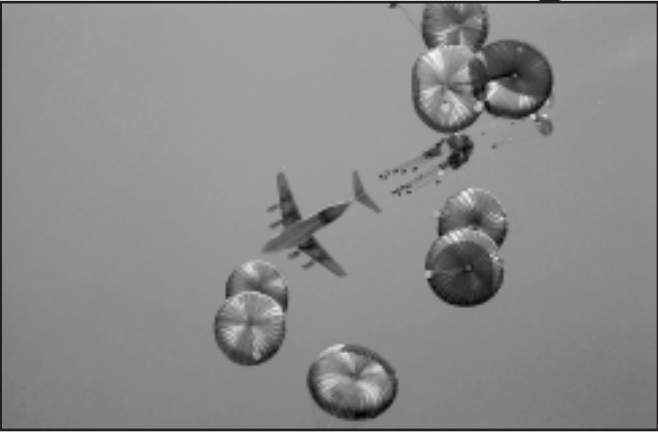
SOUTHWEST ASIA — Being in a fight is easy; it is having the ability to stay in the fight until you win that is the hard part. This is especially true in the new type of war being fought by the coalition forces in Afghanistan where the enemy's strategy is to outlast the resolve and sustainment capability of U.S. and coalition forces.

In Afghanistan today, the ability of both ground and air forces to engage the enemy is enabled in large part by the processes and systems executed by the Combined Air and Space Operation Center's Air Mobility Division. Through their innovative approach and flexibility, they are able to coordinate and synchronize movement of supplies to those in need in a safe, efficient manner.

"We provide materials needed by those that are in the fight, whether it is fuel or bombs for close-air-support aircraft, or bullets for troops on the ground," said Lt. Col. John Roscoe, the chief of the Air Mobility Division at the CAOC. "This has been even more important in Afghanistan where a lack of infrastructure limits both overland supply activity as well as capacity for logistics to flow through existing operating locations."

In coordination with other service and coalition partners, the Air Mobility Division staff is responsible for integrating requirements for airlift, airdrop, refueling and aeromedical evacuation. The coordination and synchronization of this effort is done through the air tasking order cycle, which is the mechanism for providing transparency to logistics requirements and assigning available coalition assets to support each requirement. The airlift operation has come a long way over the last seven years in Afghanistan.

"There have been several innovative approaches that have enabled us to be more proactive versus reactive," Colonel Roscoe said. "We have been able to continuously monitor the



U.S. Army photo/Spc. Micqah E. Clare  
**A C-17 Globemaster III aircrew executes an airdrop mission over Afghanistan. In 2008, Air Force aircraft dropped more than 15 million pounds of supplies in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

force structure to right size available assets needed given changing requirement levels. In some cases we were able to send aircraft home to save resources and reduce the cost of operations."

Another innovation that has been particularly effective is the theater express program. Colonel Roscoe said, "Through this program we are able to offer up cargo to commercial air couriers for "tender" where these contract carriers essentially bid to move "non-military cargo" (general replenishment supplies). This allows us to focus military cargo airlift on moving combat systems and passengers while reducing overall cost to the taxpayer."

He said the goal is to move up to 50 percent of the cargo commercially and use the available military aircraft for high-priority missions. "We are moving toward a point where the commercialization of airlift in Iraq is possible as we reduce our presence there in accordance with the Status of Forces Agreement."

While it is much more efficient to land to offload cargo,

sometimes troops on the ground need more immediate resupply. For these needs, coalition aircraft have become very proficient at airdropping materials.

The improved efficiency has been extremely valuable. In 2008 alone, nearly 15 million pounds of supplies were airdropped in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In another example of innovation in the air refueling mission, also in 2008, more than 1 billion pounds of fuel were passed to coalition aircraft.

"If you take what we offload in one day alone, equal to energy, this is enough power to light Las Vegas for two days," Colonel Roscoe said.

This tremendous requirement for fuel takes precise planning and innovative approaches to complete. Tankers are now much more efficient in supporting combat aircraft.

"We are also doing a lot to support Afghan and coalition forces through aeromedical evacuations," the colonel said. "We are able to treat in-route and have a 98 percent survival rate once we get them to the theater hospitals."

He explained they then coordinate for the transport of patients through inter-theater airlift to strategic hospitals, "the safety of how we move people and patients is one of the most important missions we have."

The success of Air Mobility Division's coordination efforts enabled the evacuation of more than 9,800 patients in 2008 by in-theater aeromedical flights.

Colonel Roscoe said the air logistics teams are not resting on their successes.

"We are working toward improved in-transit visibility between various coalition aircraft which will enable us to maximize utilization of available space on our various aircraft," he said. "This will enable us, across all of our missions, to better address the great distances and complexity that we are facing within Afghanistan. This will be enabled by a common scheduling system across the combined/joint forces world."

Officials announce commander of 24th Air Force

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Air Force officials announced June 4 the commander of 24th Air Force, a new numbered Air Force focused on the cyber mission.

Maj. Gen. Richard E. Webber will assume command of the NAF later this year.

Currently, General Webber is the assistant deputy chief for air, space and information operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this position, he is responsible to the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff for formulating policy supporting air, space, nuclear, counterproliferation, homeland security, weather and cyber operations. As the Air Force

operations deputy to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Webber determines operational requirements, capabilities and training necessary to support national security objectives and military strategy.

General Webber is a command space and missile operator with qualifications in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III, Global Positioning Satellite and Counter Communications System weapon systems.

Last fall, the secretary of the Air Force decided to stand up a NAF dedicated to cyberspace. This new NAF will provide combat-ready forces trained and equipped to conduct sustained cyber operations, fully integrated with air and space operations.

A cyber NAF under Air Force Space



U.S. Air Force graphic  
**Air Force officials have announced that Maj. Gen. Richard E. Webber will assume command of 24th Air Force.**



# Helping to make your next PCS a “Smooth Move”

Tech. Sgt. Jamon Eleby  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Judge Advocate's Office

PCS season is upon us, and we all know that a PCS almost always involves at least some degree of damage to household goods. Whether you're PCSing for the first time or are a seasoned veteran, the following tips will help ensure that if any of your property is lost or damaged in shipment, you can file a well-documented claim.

The inventory just may be the most important step in the entire process! The carrier's inventory proves your property was tendered to them, in a certain condition, for delivery to your new home. While it is not possible to totally control the packing and inventory of every piece of your household goods, you must exercise some control over how your property is inventoried. If items are not listed on the inventory, you may not be paid for them when you file a claim.

Before the packers arrive, gather all of your most valuable and most easily pilferable items (jewelry, money, coin or stamp collections, baseball cards, dvds, compact disc, etc.) and lock them inside a vehicle; do not ship them! Leaving them unsecured on dresser tops or in drawers is an invitation for them to be taken. Next, gather your next most expensive items into one room, make an inventory of these items, and record the serial numbers or descriptions (or both) of each one; prepare your own personal inventory and gather substantiation of your major items. Include the major items you own, such as furniture, electronic equipment, and art objects, expensive rugs, etc. Also, when the shippers arrive, we encourage you to turn on your electronic equipment and have the shipper notate on your inventory that the device was working just prior to packing. This will help make sure that you are more fully reimbursed should the need arise.

You should also make a complete list of all rare books, DVDs, CDs, and licensed software (if you allow the packers to pack them). Again, it's a good idea to bring this with you. But if you're shipping them, be sure to save the purchase prices and dates for these items, and collect related documentation to prove it (purchase receipts, paid bills, credit card slips, canceled checks, pre-shipment appraisals, insurance policies, etc). High-value items absolutely must be listed on the inventory.

Finally, take photographs to show the condition of your property. Just walk around your house and take a lot of pictures! Keep this information separate from your household goods. Carry it with you or mail it to your next duty station. If you are so

overwhelmed by the packers or movers that you cannot observe your property being packed or listed on the inventory, call the TMO and complain. If you cannot be present, make sure your spouse or agent knows what to do and arranges for help if necessary. If all else fails, make a statement on the inventory describing the problem.

Make sure that the packers write adequate descriptions of the contents on the boxes themselves, and later on the inventory. While the packers do not have to list every item packed inside a box, they should write the greatest quantity of the container's contents, i.e., “pot/pans/crockery,” etc. The location of the items in your home is not a sufficient description; broad general categories (i.e. “kitchen items, bathroom items, garage items,” etc.), should not be used as the sole description to describe the contents of any container. Additionally, make sure that items that would not logically be packed in a certain box are specifically listed. Examples: tools packed in a box marked “clothes”; a lamp packed in a box marked “garage items”. If you later claim for an item that would not reasonably be expected to be found in a certain box, you may not be paid for it.

Also make sure you accompany the carrier's agent while he or she completes the inventory; check to see that those items you have pre-identified as valuable are sufficiently described and listed on the inventory to positively identify them in terms of both quality and quantity. If you disagree with any condition or description recorded on the inventory by the carrier's agent, record your disagreement, by inventory number, at the bottom of the inventory sheet.

With good personal and carrier inventories, and substantiation of ownership and value, you will be in good shape. However, after delivery you still must promptly fill out the DD Form 1840/1840R to report any loss or damage. Remember to file the form with the base legal office or upload it to the Air Force Claims Service Center website <https://claims.jag.af.mil>) within 70 days to ensure a maximum recovery! To upload the DD Form 1840/1804R, you must have a username and password (must be obtained from a government computer). When you receive your username and password, you may upload your DD Form 1840/1840R at home (a scanner will be needed). If you do not have a scanner, you may come by the Legal Office and someone will scan it for you. After you've filed the “pink” form, you'll have two years to file your claim with the Claims Service Center. If you have any questions, call the Base Legal Office at 662-434-7031.

# New Wing Policy



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING  
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE MISSISSIPPI

8 June 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 14 FTW PERSONNEL

FROM: 14 FTW/CC

SUBJECT: Prohibition Regarding the Use of Spice

1. All personnel assigned or attached to the 14th Flying Training Wing, while permanent party or in a TDY status, are hereby prohibited from using Spice and all variances of the product (including Spice Silver, Spice Gold and Spice Diamond).

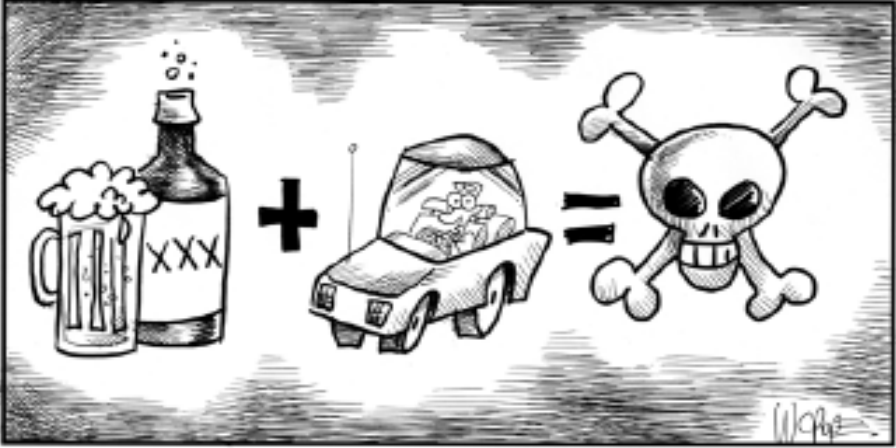
2. Spice is a product that is sold by commercial vendors and is sometimes advertised as a legal herb-based alternative to cannabis. It can include a mixture of herbs with psychoactive effects. The quantity and toxicity of the herbs may differ from product to product; as a result, some samples are more potent than others. It is commonly consumed by smoking, which reportedly produces a euphoric feeling similar to cannabis. The varying Spice ingredients are sometimes referred to as cannabis substitutes.

3. Illegal or improper use of herbs, chemicals and drugs is fundamentally incompatible with military service. Such substance use threatens our readiness and our ability to conduct the mission entrusted to us. Military members who use drugs, to include herb mixtures such as Spice, adversely affect the 14th Flying Training Wing's mission and the maintenance of good order and discipline at Columbus Air Force Base.

4. Military members who disobey this directive will be held accountable in accordance with DoD and AF instructions and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Military members may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action, including loss of security clearance, demotion or even discharge from the United States Air Force. All United States military members, regardless of branch of service, who are permanently or temporarily assigned to the 14th Flying Training Wing are hereby ordered not to use Spice, whether on base or off base.

5. This memorandum is effective immediately for 180 days and will be incorporated into the Columbus AFB Supplement to AFI 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program.

*Roger M. Watkins*  
ROGER M. WATKINS, Colonel, USAF  
Commander



The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil) or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

## Homes

**Home For Sale By Owner:** 82 Cedar Dr, Beautiful home located in Sherwood Forest, 3BR, 2BA, 2156 SF, new tile/carpet, vaulted ceilings, enclosed sunroom, spacious kitchen, fenced in backyard w/ shed, 2 car garage. Reduced Price, \$172,000!! Call 662-549-7745/662-889-4264. See pictures at Ahn.com.

**For Sale:** 81 Azalea Trail, 3BR 2BA, just minutes to CAFB, features updated kitchen and baths, great open floor plan, large sunroom, beautiful laminate flooring, new landscaping, storm windows, FP with insert/blower, new roof and HVAC in 2007. Asking \$131,000.00, for more information call 405-919-2753.

**FSBO:** Enjoy the country setting in a 1535 sq ft, 3 Bedrooms, 2 full baths on 6.1 acres with Shop and Pond. For more info call 662-889-8708.

**FSBO:** 72 N Walnut Dr (Oakdale Park), 1809 sq ft, 3 bdrm/2 bath home with open floor plan. Great room w/fire place and vaulted ceiling, large laundry room, formal dining room, 2 car garage, hottub, privacy fenced backyard, ceiling fans/crown molding/tile/carpet throughout. \$169,900. See details on [militarybyowner.com](http://militarybyowner.com), Ad number: MBO112572. Also listed on [ahn.com](http://ahn.com). Contact 662-425-1738 for a viewing.

**FSBO:** 2001 Riverbirch doublewide (28X52) - 3br/2ba, wood laminate and ceramic tile floors throughout. Painted walls, new light fixtures, plan-

tation blinds, furniture style bath cabinets, new sinks and faucets. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, range and refrigerator stay with house. Check out our pics at <http://cartershousforsale39773.blogspot.com>. House is being sold for thousands below value. Asking payoff - \$38,665. Must be moved. Call 662-494-4757  
**FSBO:** 314 Cedar Drive, 1591 sq ft, 3 BR 2 BA, ranch style home: new vinyl siding, 2 car garage; fresh neutral painted interior new carpeting ; remodeled kitchen, new countertops, dishwasher, and garbage disposal; new hot water heater; open floor plan, large laundry room, walk-in closets; landscaped lawns, and fenced back yard, fireplace in family room,: \$150,000.00; for more info/photos visit [militarybyowner.com](http://militarybyowner.com) ad # MBO108764; call 662-244-0896 or 662-889-8640 or email [watersstephanie@hotmail.com](mailto:watersstephanie@hotmail.com)

## Transportation

**Motorcycle For Sale:** Ducati 2006 Paul Smart Replica, 1.4k, Limited Edition, Showroom Condition w/ lots of extras, Full Termignoni Exhaust, ECU/Air Filter, Speedy Moto Billet Clutch Cover, Gold Pressure Plate, Bar Risers, Custom Aluminum Chain Guard and Cam Belt Covers. \$10,750 obo. Columbus. 808-221-2005  
**For sale:** 1994 Grand Plymouth Voyager, Hunter Green, 6 cylinder, 3.3 engine, one owner \$2,500 or best offer. Call 574-9414.  
**For sale:** 2001 Mistubishi Spyder convertible, black leather interior, silver exterior; 81K miles asking \$8,000. For more info call (215) 589-2911.

## Miscellaneous

**For Sale:** Stainless steel double kitchen sink; 8" deep; excellent condition, \$50.  
Wooden mantel, \$25; White metal youth bed with mattress, \$40; Toyota hubcaps, \$30; Bumper for small Nissan or Toyota truck, \$25; For more info, call 356-6124.

**For Sale:** Boat Motor, Briggs & Stratton, 5hp, Outboard, Camo Boat Engine. Paid \$1200 new. Used twice, Excellent Condition, Comes w/ Fuel

tank and Stand. \$725. Columbus. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** Sky Caddie GPS. Includes AC charger, USB cable, belt clip, removable golf cart bracket. Cost \$300. Asking \$175. Call 328-7067.

**For Sale:** 50 BMG Bolt Action Rifle by Serbu Firearms., S/N 0037. Model is BFG-50, has a 30" barrel, includes an M-60 Bipod, and you can check it out at [www.serbu.com](http://www.serbu.com). Serious inquiries only. \$2200 with ammo. Call 425-6135

**For sale:** 40 gal gas hot water heater in excellent condition, \$100; like new never used trash compactor, \$75.00; both for \$150.00; 4 racing rims and tires 15" 4-lug, fits Honda Civic, \$175.00. Call 574-9414 for more info.

**For sale:** Snow skis (Rossignol); love seat tan, \$25; small desk, Queen Ann legs, one small drawer, \$60; brass room divider w/4 glass shelves (40" wide), \$50. Call 434-6380.

**For sale:** Murray riding mower, 11 hp, 36" cut \$200; Stihl 038 AV chain saw 20" bar \$125; small camp house refrigerator \$30; Maytag electric stove, \$150. Call Albert Mitchell at 662-434-6565 or 662-352-3474.

**For sale:** Brown Lazyboy leather recliner, good condition, \$150; black leather chair, new condition, \$150; light brown micro-fiber modern style chase lounge chair, new condition, \$200; Bassett custom designed Estate XL sofa with down feather cushions and accent pillows, new condition and lifetime frame warranty, \$800 ; Munire light colored, girls bedroom suite for baby or girl, can be full size bed or crib (with crib mattress) and large dresser with hutch, new condition, \$700 OBO. Please call with questions or for pictures: Hm: 356-0642 or cell: 352-6089.

**For sale:** Duncan Phyfe antique drop leaf table and six chairs, \$1400; two matching overstuffed floral reclining chairs by Flexsteel, \$175 each or \$300 for both. Call Brad or Kelly at hm 662-778-1306 or wk 662-434-1667.

**For sale:** Gas grill with warming rack, good condition, \$50 OBO. Call 662-434-7869 or 662-425-0299.

**For sale:** Scuba BC vest, weights and regulator \$35, 2008 Sony STR-DE197 FM/AM 100 Amp w/ video inputs \$30, Sony Play Station One w/ 5 games \$30, Lots of Disney VHS tapes \$3 each or

entire box for \$40, Locally made Mennonite 8 Gun oak Gun cabinet \$150. Call Chris 356-4005 after 6 PM or Sonya 889-7796.

## Pets

**Free Kittens:** Blue grey or black 'n white , rescued, needs good home. Call 662-574-0538.

## Wanted

**Wanted:** Good used riding mower. Call 662-328-2383



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## Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

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Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).



# Air Force officials revise fitness program

**Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The need for a “clear, understandable and simpler” fitness program will mean significant changes to the Air Force’s current fitness program, said the service’s top officer during a senior leadership conference held June 4 through 6 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz met with the service’s other four stars at CORONA TOP where one of the key agenda items was Air Force fitness.

His intent was to fine tune fitness testing, promote a year-round fitness culture and send a clear message that health and fitness are critical to mission readiness.

“Fitness is a vital component of Air Force culture,” General Schwartz said. “These challenging times underscore the importance of properly caring for our most valuable resource: our Airmen.”

Chief McKinley explained that Airmen must constantly hone their fitness abilities to withstand and overcome the demanding rigors of deployment and combat.

While commanders have responsibility of their unit fitness programs, each Airman is responsible for meeting and maintaining fitness standards 365 days a year, said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

General Newton added that the new Air Force instruction, projected for publication in July 2009, will better emphasize the service’s fitness expectations of its Airmen. Who will conduct the testing, when and how Airmen will test are among the most significant revisions to the fitness program, which takes effect January 2010.

Perhaps the most significant difference in fitness testing will be its frequency, Air Force officials said. Full-time active-duty Airmen will now test twice each year, and most reservists or guardsmen will continue to test once per year.

To maximize testing objectivity, the AFI designates trained civilian proctors to conduct fitness tests administered at new centralized locations called fitness assessment cells.

Aerobic fitness is the best indicator of current and future health risk, followed by body composition, said Lt. Col. Scott Arcuri,

the chief of promotions, evaluations, and fitness policy at the Air Staff. Because of this, the aerobic run will now account for 60 percent of the test (previously 50 percent), body composition will account for 20 percent (previously 30 percent), while sit-ups and push-ups remain at 10 percent each.

“We developed evidence-driven, health based criterion standards for aerobic fitness and body composition and muscle fitness,” Colonel Arcuri said. “Airmen can be confident the new standards and corresponding points have sound rationale behind them.”

Colonel Arcuri also stated that the points awarded within each component directly reflect health risk and fitness and are designed to reward incremental fitness improvements.

Senior leaders said in order to pass the test, Airmen will be required to have a composite score of 75 but also will need to meet minimum requirements for each component.

Air Force officials said age range requirements will be simplified to five categories: less than 30, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus years of age. Additionally, because overall fitness is a readiness issue, fitness results will be categorized using operational readiness or unit compliance inspection-type ratings. Those scoring 90 and above will be “Excellent;” those scoring between 75 and 90 will be “Satisfactory;” and those scoring under 75 will be “Unsatisfactory.”

Chief McKinley noted that making a commitment to fitness puts the responsibility on each Airman to get in shape and remain wartime ready year-round.

Failure to comply with the new fitness standards could impact more than an Airmen’s waistlines. The new AFI links unsatisfactory fitness test performance directly to enlisted and officer performance reports. Chief McKinley said the upcoming revised evaluation AFI will ensure no Airman can have a referral enlisted performance report for fitness and receive an overall five rating.

The rewritten AFI mandates that fitness compliance be reported from unit to wing to major command for review.

Airmen will be able to view component scoring charts in the new AFI. Further questions on the program can be directed to Colonel Arcuri, Lt. Col. John Giles and Chief Long at DSN’s 224-8270, 222-4532 and 227-1661 respectively.

## Colonel Dunn presented with Legion of Merit



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan

Col. Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, is presented the Legion of Merit for his service at Columbus Air Force Base, by Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander June 8 in a ceremony in the wing conference room. The Legion of Merit is sixth in the order of precedence of U.S. military decorations, and is worn after the Distinguished Flying Cross. Colonel Dunn’s departed Columbus AFB June 9 to be the director, Warfighting Education, Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## Ten Airmen graduate FTAC



U.S. Air Force photo

Congratulations to the 14th Flying Training Wing’s newest Airmen, who graduated the First Term Airmen’s Center today. (Front row, from right to left) Airman 1st Class Charles Miller, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Jeff Cullen, 14th CES; Airman 1st Class Eric Gonzalez, 14th Contracting-Comptroller Squadron; Airman 1st Class John Hoelscher, 14th Operations Support Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Markita Smith, 14th OSS. (Back row from right to left) Airman 1st Class Gerald Hunter, 14th CES; Airman 1st Class Will Lopez, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Benjamin Mitchell, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Samuel Nabakowski, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Brandon Smith, 14th OSS and Master Sereant Brian Bailey, FTAC Instructor.



## Congratulations Reenlistees

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates its most recent Air Force reenlistees:

Sra Jennifer Cornett, 50th FTS  
SSgt Chenoa Clardy, 14th OSS  
TSgt Douglas Martin, 332nd Rec Sq  
TSgt Michael Johnson, 332nd Rec Sq  
Sra Amanda Montgomery, 14th MDOS  
SSgt Paul Montgomery, 14th MDOS  
TSgt Daniel McCleskey, 14th FTW  
MSgt Heather Deckley, 14th FSS  
SSgt Rafael Linero, 332nd Rec Sq  
SSgt Donald Lecompte, 14th OSS

For more information on reenlistment or other career decisions, feel free to contact the 14th FTW Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Brian Bailey.

## Track Select

2nd Lt Augustine, Ian G.  
2nd Lt Entine, Jeffrey A.  
2nd Lt Freeland, Samuel M.  
Capt Harrison, Bryant D.  
2nd Lt Jackson, Jonathan B.  
2nd Lt Johnson, Andrew P.  
2nd Lt Kaempf, Gray A.  
2nd Lt King, Seth D.  
2nd Lt Ledyard, Matthew A.  
2nd Lt Marks, Steven D.  
2nd Lt Myszka, Adam M.  
Capt Raham, Stephen D.  
2nd Lt Rowbotham, Kyle J.  
2nd Lt Russo, Paul R.  
2nd Lt Sullivan, Ryan P.  
2nd Lt Wade, Bradford W.  
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2nd Lt Wolf, Brandon S.  
2nd Lt Woodason, Benjamin D.

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2nd Lt. Jeffery A. Entine

**Top Guns**  
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2nd Lt. Jonathan B. Jackson  
**Instrument:**  
2nd Lt. Gray A. Kaempf  
**Formation (Tie):**  
2nd Lt. Ian G. Augustine  
2nd Lt. Kyle J. Rowbotham

## Candebat Earns Air Force Silver Wings



Candebat

### 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing to congratulates Second Lt. Benjamin Candebat, Class 09-10, who was mistakenly left out of last weeks SilverWings Graduation Feature, but was most certainly a graduate of SUPT Class 09-10.

Lieutenant Candebat, from Memphis, Tenn., and his wife Jaime will be stationed at Meridian, Miss and fly the KC-135R in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

“The Public Affairs staff strives for excellence in each week’s edition of the base newspaper and would like to apologize to Lieutenant Candebat and his family for last week’s error” noted Mr. Sonic Johnson, 14 FTW Chief of Public Affairs. “The 09-10 Graduation Feature in the June 5th SilverWings base paper properly reflect Lt Candebat’s photograph and assignment when it is posted electronically to the web at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). “

### SPEAKER

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He did however, mention that he would not want to trade pay checks with them.

“It is going to happen so fast,” he said. “I remember sitting in the very seat you’re sitting. I kid you not, for me, it feels like just yesterday.”

General Stewart said while they had worked hard and earned their wings, their work wasn’t over yet.

“There is so much more that will be expected of you,” he said. “The U.S. Air Force needs not only pilots, but leaders.”

He also said they students could not have made it through their training without the support of their loved ones, and encouraged their families to celebrate along side the

graduates.

In addition, he added that it took hard work from agencies all over Columbus Air Force Base to accomplish the mission of training the young pilots, including their instructors.

“(Instructor pilots) do an incredible thing,” he said. “They take civilians and turn them into military aviators.”

General Stewart offered his congratulations to the graduates, and told them they would remember this day forever.

“The wings you are about to pin on aren’t expensive, you can go to the (base exchange) and buy a pair,” General Stewart said. “But when you pin them on today, they will become priceless. They will change your life forever.”

## SILVER WINGS

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## Fireworks on the Water 2009 set to impress

### 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the City of Columbus will host “Fireworks on the Water”, a free and open-to-the-public event, 4 p.m. July 4th at the east bank of the Stennis Lock and Dam.

The event will feature local band, “Come On, Go With Us” as well as activities for children, food and drink vendors, and will conclude with a professional firework display choreographed to music.

“Fireworks on the Water” will be a great event to celebrate the nation’s birthday,” said Sonic Johnson, chief of public affairs at Columbus Air Force Base and an event co-chairman.

“Columbus Air Force Base would like to invite all members of the community to ‘Fireworks on The Water’ to celebrate this patriotic holiday.”

The activities will begin at 4 p.m., and live entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. For children, inflatable jumpers and other activities will be available. The fireworks display will commence shortly after dark.

Due to limited parking, people are encouraged to carpool to the event. A parking area has been reserved for any group that arrives via bus.

Event-goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Pets are not allowed, and personal fireworks, including sparklers and morning glories, are not permitted.

This is going to be one event you will not want to miss.



U. S. Air Force photo

**Inflatable water slide was just one activity held last year during Fireworks on the Water on July 4th. Columbus Air Force Base, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Columbus are once again sponsoring the July 4th fireworks event at the Stennis Lock and Dam.**

## CAFB’S BIGGEST LOSERS Standings

Dedicated Ladies  
Picture Perfect  
Big Cats  
50-50  
Maximum Density  
Victorious Secret  
Jelly Bellyz  
Spring Slim Down  
Masters of Mass Reduction  
Dental Blazers  
Bikini Babes with a Diamond  
Fine “Fo” the Summer Time  
The Spare Tires  
Fighting Meatballs  
The Dreamers  
\*Points standings as of 04 June 09

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
15	16 41st FTS Change of Command, 9:41 a.m. @ BLAZE Hangar	17 BLAZE Lunch Bunch, 11-1 p.m. @ Club	18 14th SFS Change of Command, @ Club  14th MSG/CC Farwell Open House, 3:30-6:30 p.m. @ MSG Complex	19 09-11 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	20/21 Father's Day, June 21
22	23 Newcomer's Orientation	24 BLAZE Lunch Bunch, 11-1 p.m. @ Club	25	26 Commander's Welcome, 4 p.m. @ Club  10-04 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	27/28

### Long Term Events

Jul. 1 - MSG/CC Change of Command  
Jul. 2 - 09-11 Graduation  
Jul. 2 - U.S. Sen. Cochran’s staffer visit  
Jul. 3 - 4 July Federal Holiday

Jul. 4 - Fireworks On The Water event  
Jul. 6 - AETC Family Day, CAFB closed  
Jul. 10 - 09-12 Assignment Night  
Jul. 11-18 - Civil Air Patrol Cadets visit

## Sports Shorts

**AF Marathon:** The time has come once again to field AETC’s Air Force Marathon Team. AETC bases can submit through their Fitness Center Directors, runners in each of the following categories: Men’s Military Relay (4 participants), Women’s Military Relay (4 participants), Men’s Individual (2) and Women’s Individual (2). AF Form 303s must be submitted to the Fitness Center Director, Mr. Carmine Muscarella 434-2773, prior to 19 Jun 09. Contact the Fitness Center for assistance if you’ve never filled out a Form 303.

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

**Baseball camp:** The Youth Center will be offering a baseball camp for ages 9-12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., June 16-18. The camp will be held at the little league baseball field on base. Those younger than nine or older than twelve may be accepted in the camp, but must be approved by the instructor. The instructors have college baseball experience. To register call the Youth Center at 434-2504 by June 12.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 50 BLAZE TEAM members are de-deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.





# Base Chapel transformed into a bayou for VBS



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
A crossroads sign at the base chapel's Vacation Bible School points the way for children and volunteers navigating the "bayou."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Jill Hubert, dressed as a crocodile, walks with Vacation Bible School participants Katelyn Chouest and Jacob Lousley, through a hallway re-imagined as a bayou June 5.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Children and volunteers at the 14th Flying Training Wing Base Chapel's Vacation Bible School perform the Firefly Finale in the "Bayou" during closing ceremony June 5.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Second Lt. Michael Lewis, a volunteer with the base chapel's Vacation Bible School, plays with children June 5. Lieutenant Lewis and his wife, Lindsey, both volunteered during the week-long event.

**Chaplain Charles Montoya**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Chapel

The 14th Flying Training Wing Base Chapel had fireflies, crocodiles, seagulls, opossums, and turtles during "Crocodile Dock" Vacation Bible School June 1-5.

With a bayou motif, the joint efforts of the Base Chapel worship communities, Catholic and Protestant, VBS was a first-class event. The attendance of 162 was one of the largest within the last five years. The program reinforced a daily Bible point through small group discussions, games, memory activities, and crafts.

"Though there are many opportunities for base children during the summer," said Joy Garrison, VBS co-director, "I believe that having them attend the base chapel for Vacation Bible School allows them to see God at work here on the base where they live."

Children learned how to serve others through two means. First, children would prepare the daily snack for their fellow participants. Second, children made a 'comfort critter' turtle. These 'turtles' were collected and will be distributed to children who are going through a crisis.

"Our event could not have succeeded without the support of the Base Chapel, community volunteers, Base Fire Department, Security Forces, Pinnacle Hunt, Multimedia Center, Transportation, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Base Exchange, Commissary and SilverWings," Ms. Garrison said.

As the chapel goes back to 'normal', our base children will never be the same.



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo  
Volunteer Sara Dixon motivates participants in the base chapel's Vacation Bible School with a water bottle in a race during Crocodile Dock.



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo  
Cecelia Dobronski, Bethany Chouest and Rosie Dobronski teach a lesson in Chatter's Theater during the base chapel's Vacation Bible School June 1-5.



Courtesy photo  
Volunteers Melanie Clutts, Sandy Mitchell and Edith Hyatt prepare snacks for the 96 VBS participants while Mady Evans provides quality control for the snack buffet.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Two children attending the base chapel's Vacation Bible School play with a sprinkler June 5.